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WESTERN AUSTRALIA.

Report for the month of DECEMBER, 1948.

Issued by the Government Statistician (Mr. R.J. Little), Perth 2/2/49.

This report gives the latest available figures relative to Population; Marriages; Births and Deaths; Land Settlement; State Government Revenue and Expenditure; Savings Banks; Bank Clearances; Real Estate Transactions; Sales Tax; Companies Registered and Bankruptcy; Government Railway Operations; Motor Vehicle Registrations; Trade; Building Construction; Butter Production; Gold Output and Dividends Reported; Retail Prices Index; Employment; Unemployment Benefits; Electricity Supply (Metropolitan Area) and Livestock Slaughtering.

POPULATION.

The population of the State on the 30th June, 1948 was estimated to be 515,302, comprising 264,458 Males and 250,844 Females.

On the 30th June, 1947, the Population of the Metropolitan Area was 272,528.

MARRIAGES, BIRTHS AND DEATHS - WESTERN AUSTRALIA.

	NOVEMBER		Eleven Months ended NOVEMBER	
	1948	1947	1948	1947
Marriages No.	483	434	4,633	4,782
*Rate per 1000 of Population	11.34	10.41	9.84	10.39
Births No.	1,107	976	11,888	11,867
*Rate per 1000 of Population	26.00	23.40	25.24	25.77
Deaths No.	394	347	4,330	4,305
*Rate per 1000 of Population	9.25	8.32	9.19	9.35
Infant Mortality.. No.	28	27	304	361
Rate per 1000 Live Births	25.29	27.66	25.57	30.42
<u>PRINCIPAL CAUSES OF DEATH -</u>				
Tuberculosis	10	8	152	128
Cancer	57	46	575	534
Influenza	1	-	23	9
Diphtheria	1	-	7	8
Cerebral Haemorrhage, etc.	29	27	382	384
Arteriosclerosis	13	15	136	148
Diseases of the Heart	117	106	1,308	1,253
Pneumonia and Broncho Pneumonia	26	23	271	255
Diarrhoea and Enteritis	1	3	22	31
Nephritis	12	19	159	167
Diseases of Early Infancy	19	18	173	184
Senility	8	6	75	114
Accidents	24	20	256	265
All Other Causes	76	56	791	825
TOTAL	394	347	4,330	4,305

* Equivalent Annual Rate.

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December 1917. This report shows the results of the operations of the company for the year ending December 31, 1917. The report is divided into two parts: a statement of the financial condition and a statement of the operations. The financial condition is shown in the statement of the assets and liabilities, and the operations are shown in the statement of the income and expenses. The report is prepared by the management of the company and is subject to the audit of the board of directors.

Assets	Liabilities	Income	Expenses
1,000,000	500,000	1,500,000	1,000,000
2,000,000	1,000,000	3,000,000	2,000,000
3,000,000	1,500,000	4,500,000	3,000,000
4,000,000	2,000,000	6,000,000	4,000,000
5,000,000	2,500,000	7,500,000	5,000,000

The report shows that the company has a strong financial position and is able to meet its obligations. The operations of the company have been successful and the income has been sufficient to cover the expenses. The management of the company is confident that the company will continue to grow and prosper in the future.

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2,000,000	1,000,000	3,000,000	2,000,000
3,000,000	1,500,000	4,500,000	3,000,000
4,000,000	2,000,000	6,000,000	4,000,000
5,000,000	2,500,000	7,500,000	5,000,000

Month of	Receipts	Expenses	Balance
January	1,000,000	800,000	200,000
February	1,200,000	900,000	300,000
March	1,500,000	1,000,000	500,000
April	1,800,000	1,200,000	600,000
May	2,000,000	1,400,000	600,000
June	2,200,000	1,600,000	600,000
July	2,400,000	1,800,000	600,000
August	2,600,000	2,000,000	600,000
September	2,800,000	2,200,000	600,000
October	3,000,000	2,400,000	600,000
November	3,200,000	2,600,000	600,000
December	3,400,000	2,800,000	600,000

LAND SETTLEMENT.

Land taken up under conditional alienation during the twelve months ended December totalled 882,120 acres, an increase of 226,118 acres on the corresponding period last year. Pastoral, special and miscellaneous leases registered amounted to 7,039,165 acres, a decrease of 1,444,908 acres.

STATE GOVERNMENT CONSOLIDATED REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE.

	Month of DECEMBER		6 Months ended DECEMBER	
	1948	1947	1948	1947
	£	£	£	£
Revenue	2,559,629	1,786,973	9,708,854	7,930,976
Revenue per Head of Popln.	£4.18.4d.	£3.10.3d.	£18.14.10d.	£15.13.8d.
Expenditure ..	2,098,224	1,561,699	10,230,166	8,583,381
Expenditure per Head of Popln.	£4.0.7d.	£3.1.5d.	£19.15.0d.	£16.19.6d.

SAVINGS BANKS.

Deposits on the 31st December amounted to £36,298,363 or £69.13.5d. per head of population as against £35,838,214 or £70.8.6d. per head as at the 31st December last year.

BANK CLEARANCES.

The average weekly clearances for the 5 weeks ended 31st December, 1948 amounted to £6,659,956, compared with £5,079,708 for the corresponding period last year.

REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS.

Registrations effected at the Office of Land Titles & Deeds	DECEMBER		6 Months ended DECEMBER	
	1948	1947	1948	1947
Transfers	No. 1,618	1,337	9,787	9,240
	£ 1,025,867	673,431	5,172,984	4,635,921
Mortgages	No. 867	895	5,417	5,728
	£ 937,870	842,202	5,266,459	5,382,965
Discharges of Mortgages	No. 787	817	4,860	5,057

SALES TAX: SALES OF TAXABLE & EXEMPT GOODS & TAX COLLECTED.

Month of Receipt of Returns	Taxable Goods		Sales of Exempt Goods	Tax Collected
	Sales in respect of which Tax is Payable (Gross)	Sales in respect of which Tax is NOT Payable (Gross)		
<u>1947 -</u>	£	£	£	£
December	1,120,213	1,104,042	3,833,345	138,832
<u>1948 -</u>				
January	1,269,393	752,509	3,011,477	175,780
February	1,257,388	864,177	3,248,518	137,796
March	1,093,047	599,259	2,779,556	148,425
April	1,463,655	1,226,320	3,719,757	156,617
May	1,369,377	772,233	3,414,017	155,967
June	1,366,881	1,156,566	3,913,584	162,770
July	1,222,057	834,278	4,304,727	147,595
August	1,535,712	1,104,077	3,564,010	155,618
September	1,412,657	949,181	3,424,681	179,347
October	1,402,699	905,874	3,320,550	164,704
November	1,621,539	1,010,631	3,508,259	180,926
December	1,685,438	972,483	3,963,816	176,856

COMPANIES REGISTERED.

68 Local Companies with a nominal capital of £7,676,500 and 29 Foreign Companies were registered during the six months ended December, 1948. Registrations for the corresponding period last year comprised 69 Local Companies with a nominal capital of £1,882,500 and 27 Foreign Companies.

BANKRUPTCY.

	6 Months ended DECEMBER					
	1948			1947		
	No.	Liabilities	Assets	No.	Liabilities	Assets
		£	£		£	£
Sequestration Orders	10	6,066	1,396	6	18,681	2,405
Deeds of Assignment(a)	9	47,453	39,547	3	7,303	4,409
Deeds of Arrangement	-	-	-	-	-	-

(a) Includes Compositions and Schemes of Arrangement.

TRANSPORT.

The operations of the State Government Railways open for general and passenger traffic were as follows :-

	OCTOBER		4 Months ended OCTOBER	
	1948	1947	1948	1947
Gross Earnings (£)	469,100	411,800	1,693,200	1,572,500
Working Expenses (£)	551,076	450,773	2,183,354	1,717,663
Train Miles Run	600,760	639,717	2,360,093	2,501,683
Passenger Journeys	1,134,125	1,192,185	4,354,380	4,679,456
Disbursements				
Tonnage Carried -				
Paying Goods	211,247	227,674	855,133	894,387
Livestock	18,764	19,860	59,730	64,373
Departmental (Free Freight)	48,679	51,533	199,176	208,331
Total	278,690	299,067	1,114,039	1,167,091
Net Ton Mileage of -				
Paying Goods	32,155,290	33,307,382	126,735,078	132,398,374
Livestock	2,209,973	2,322,869	8,211,586	8,438,719
Departmental (Free Freight)	7,556,107	8,169,214	31,726,090	35,372,681
Total	41,921,370	43,799,465	166,672,754	176,209,774

OFFICE OF THE COMPTROLLER OF THE STATE

REPORT OF THE COMPTROLLER OF THE STATE
ON THE RECEIPTS AND DISBURSMENTS OF THE STATE
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 1911

Period	State (In- cluding Hire Cars)	General	Public	Private	Motor	Other
Year 1911	1,384	44	10	10	10	10
January	112	4	1	1	1	1
February	112	4	1	1	1	1
March	112	4	1	1	1	1
April	112	4	1	1	1	1
May	112	4	1	1	1	1
June	112	4	1	1	1	1
July	112	4	1	1	1	1
August	112	4	1	1	1	1
September	112	4	1	1	1	1
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May	112	4	1	1	1	1
June	112	4	1	1	1	1
July	112	4	1	1	1	1
August	112	4	1	1	1	1
September	112	4	1	1	1	1
October	112	4	1	1	1	1
November	112	4	1	1	1	1

* Including Government-owned vehicles, which are not included in the report of the State Comptroller.

STATE OF NEW YORK

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Period	State (In- cluding Hire Cars)	General	Public	Private	Motor	Other
Year 1911	1,384	44	10	10	10	10
January	112	4	1	1	1	1
February	112	4	1	1	1	1
March	112	4	1	1	1	1
April	112	4	1	1	1	1
May	112	4	1	1	1	1
June	112	4	1	1	1	1
July	112	4	1	1	1	1
August	112	4	1	1	1	1
September	112	4	1	1	1	1
October	112	4	1	1	1	1
November	112	4	1	1	1	1

MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATIONS.

(1) NEW VEHICLES REGISTERED (EXCLUDING COMMONWEALTH OWNED VEHICLES).

Period	METROPOLITAN AREA				ENTIRE STATE			
	Cars (In- cluding Hire Cars)	Wagons, Vans, Utilities	Buses	Motor Cycles	Cars (In- cluding Hire Cars)	Wagons, Vans, Utilities	Buses	Motor Cycles
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
Year 1947	1,224	519	40	593	2,066	1,685	54	883
1948 -								
January	74	27	1	49	140	124	5	80
February	112	44	3	72	246	151	6	97
March	173	51	6	92	337	159	9	126
April	202	40	3	67	394	147	9	101
May	150	53	6	60	311	163	13	86
June	213	64	4	54	268	126	4	67
July	189	68	6	62	518	368	13	151
August	168	74	7	54	355	242	9	101
September	253	83	7	82	452	238	12	130
October	192	71	8	61	353	250	13	122
November	215	79	3	89	384	222	9	159

(2) MOTOR VEHICLES IN USE (EFFECTIVE REGNS.)*

Date (As at end of Month)	METROPOLITAN AREA				ENTIRE STATE			
	Cars (In- cluding Hire Cars)	Wagons, Vans, Utilities	Buses	Motor Cycles	Cars (In- cluding Hire Cars)	Wagons, Vans, Utilities	Buses	Motor Cycles
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
1947 -								
December	21,425	10,075	271	5,321	34,096	33,210	379	8,213
1948 -								
January	21,542	10,134	270	5,373	33,728	32,069	399	8,276
February	21,562	10,159	275	5,437	34,212	33,147	432	8,494
March	21,620	10,080	280	5,430	34,554	33,589	445	8,587
April	21,679	10,051	279	5,457	34,821	33,725	452	8,749
May	21,828	10,106	285	5,467	35,263	34,188	467	8,869
June	21,968	10,132	275	5,445	35,485	34,362	457	8,874
July	22,432	10,423	290	5,601	35,025	32,214	500	8,241
August	22,586	10,574	296	5,706	35,907	34,017	512	8,676
September	22,877	10,765	308	5,851	36,533	34,834	531	8,979
October	23,031	10,880	325	5,913	36,815	35,164	546	9,186
November	23,287	10,979	328	5,975	37,443	35,898	557	9,425

* Excluding Commonwealth-owned Vehicles, which comprised for November, 1948 - 135 Cars; 502 Wagons, Vans, etc.; 6 Buses and 3 Motor Cycles.

TRADE (Interstate and Oversea).

Trade of Western Australia, November, 1948 and 1947, and 5 months ending November, 1948 and 1947, expressed in terms of Australian currency :-

	IMPORTS				EXPORTS (Including Ships' Stores)			
	NOVEMBER		5 Months ended NOVEMBER		NOVEMBER		5 Months ended NOVEMBER	
	1948	1947	1948	1947	1948	1947	1948	1947
Overseas	£A,000 1,584	£A,000 1,161	£A,000 8,921	£A,000 6,115	£A,000 4,914	£A,000 5,663	£A,000 19,324	£A,000 16,508
Interstate	2,304	2,818	12,527	10,768	508	203	2,080	2,625
TOTAL	3,888	3,979	21,448	16,883	5,422	5,866	21,404	19,133

BUILDING ACTIVITY.

Note: These tables supersede particulars published in previous reports of Building Permits issued by Local Authorities.

(1) NEW BUILDINGS COMPLETED.

Period	Dwellings				Factories		Other		Total	
	Owner-Built		By Contractors, etc. (a)							
	No.	Value	No.	Value	No.	Value	No.	Value	No.	Value
		£,000		£,000		£,000		£,000		£,000
Year 1946	55	32	1,316	1,221	52	82	145	192	1,568	1,527
Year 1947	165	109	2,245	2,380	377	64	164	327	2,611	2,880
1948 -										
March Qr.	66	48	504	552	4	4	88	76	662	680
June Qr.	126	82	627	731	11	33	56	67	820	913
Sept. Qr.	96	62	631	765	22	80	53	134	802	1,041

(a) Comprises Governmental Day Labour as well as Private Contractor operations and includes Shop Dwellings and other Residentials, excluded from table (2) hereunder.

(2) HOUSE CONSTRUCTION. (Including Owner-Built Homes)

Period	Houses Completed - Classified according to Materials of Outer Walls									
	Brick, Stone, Concrete, etc.		Wood or Mainly Wood		Fibro-Cement or Mainly Fibro-Cement		Other Material		Total	
	No.	Value £,000	No.	Value £,000	No.	Value £,000	No.	Value £,000	No.	Value £,000
Year 1946	578	640	186	140	373	296	227	172	1,364	1,248
Year 1947	1,114	1,365	257	196	966	862	62	47	2,399	2,470
1948 -										
March Qr.	247	320	72	48	245	225	3	1	567	594
June Qr.	295	386	93	70	353	325	5	4	746	785
Sept. Qr.	310	433	81	65	323	315	10	8	724	821

BUTTER PRODUCTION IN FACTORIES.

2,304,481 lbs. were produced during November, 1948, and 10,167,824 lbs. for the five months ended November, 1948, as against 2,225,160 lbs. and 10,006,089 lbs. respectively, for the corresponding periods for 1947.

GOLD PRODUCTION.

	DECEMBER		12 Months ended DECEMBER	
	1948	1947	1948	1947
Quantity ... Fine Ozs.	57,612	58,104	664,985	703,886
Value (Aust. Currency) £	620,052	625,342	7,158,019	7,575,574

Dividends reported by Gold Mining Companies for the 12 months ended December, 1948 amounted to £836,939. Dividends reported for the corresponding period for 1947 were £894,085.

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RETAIL PRICES INDEX NUMBERS.

(Base of each Series: Weighted Average of Six Capitals for 1923/27 = 1000)

Town	Food and Groceries				All Items of Household Expenditure ("C" Series)			
	DECEMBER		12 Months ended DECEMBER		DECEMBER QUARTER.		12 Months ended DECEMBER	
	1948	1947	1948	1947	1948	1947	1948	1947
Metropolitan Area	1333	1159	1251	1104	1316	1189	1264	1161
Kalgoorlie-Boulder	1468	1312	1387	1239	1415	1297	1368	1265
Northam	1359	1185	1272	1125	1322	1200	1272	1171
Bunbury	1344	1171	1257	1108	1327	1201	1277	1173
Geraldton	1360	1193	1279	1133	1383	1251	1327	1221
Collie	1349	1184	1265	1123	1268	1146	1217	1117

ESTIMATED TOTAL EMPLOYMENT.

(Excluding Rural and Private Domestic)

Figures Supplied by Commonwealth Statistician.

Month	Males	Females	Persons
<u>1947 -</u>			
July	104,271	35,640	139,911
August	104,124	35,816	139,940
September	105,208	35,888	141,096
October	105,646	35,924	141,570
November	105,849	36,308	142,157
December	106,764	36,645	143,409
<u>1948 -</u>			
January	106,732	36,366	143,098
February	106,519	36,527	143,046
March	107,574	36,832	144,406
April	108,141	36,908	145,049
May	109,227	36,880	146,107
June	109,205	36,942	146,147
July	109,375	37,154	146,529
August	108,611	37,073	145,684
September	109,416	37,224	146,640
October	110,240	37,592	147,832
November	111,010	37,704	148,714

EMPLOYMENT INDEX SERIES.

Month	FACTORIES (Base: 1928/29 (19,799 Employees = 100))					RETAIL ESTABLISHMENTS (b) (Base: July, 1941 (9,578 Employees = 1000))				
	1944	1945	1946	1947(a)	1948(a)	1944	1945	1946	1947	1948
January	137	142	145	162	168	826	870	995	1134	1233
February	138	142	148	164	168	824	868	1016	1138	1249
March	139	144	151	166	170	825	877	1045	1145	1264
April	139	144	153	167	171	827	876	1051	1144	1264
May	140	144	154	168	174	832	891	1069	1151	1277
June	139	145	154	167	173	829	903	1087	1153	1277
July	140	146	157	167(a)	174	832	899	1096	1168	1301
August	140	145	159	167	173	832	897	1109	1181	1294
Sept.	140	143	160	169	174	834	914	1114	1172	1302
October	140	141	161	169	175	837	929	1118	1184	1318
November	141	141	158	167	175	851	965	1133	1215	1349
December	142	145	163	168		886	1012	1165	1267	

(a) Figures subsequent to June, 1947 are preliminary and are based primarily on Pay Roll Tax Returns.

(b) Indexes computed by Commonwealth Statistician from Pay Roll Tax Returns.

UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS.

(Figures Supplied by Commonwealth Statistician)

Month	Admittances			Discharges			On Benefit End of Month		
	Males	Females	Persons	Males	Females	Persons	Males	Females	Persons
1947 -									
January	483	8	491	668	17	685	1,001	26	1,027
February	396	12	408	559	15	574	838	23	861
March	459	13	472	549	13	562	748	23	771
April	342	3	345	314	8	322	776	18	794
May	454	11	465	481	15	496	749	14	763
June	347	10	357	352	7	359	744	17	761
July	404	12	416	366	14	380	782	15	797
Aug. (a)	355	10	365	538	10	548	599	15	614
Sep. (a)	181	5	186	286	5	291	494	15	509
Oct. (a)	179	6	185	233	5	238	440	16	456
Nov. (a)	175	12	187	249	10	259	366	18	384
Dec. (a)	185	7	192	132	10	142	419	15	434
1948 -									
Jan. (a)	335	4	339	392	9	401	362	10	372
Feb. (a)	130	5	135	183	8	191	309	7	316
March (a)	112	3	115	132	2	134	289	8	297
April (a)	93	4	97	143	2	145	239	10	249
May (a)	127	3	130	115	6	121	251	7	258
June (a)	117	7	124	162	8	170	206	6	212
July (a)	128	5	133	141	7	148	193	4	197
Aug. (a)	95	6	101	110	3	113	178	7	185
Sep. (a)	68	2	70	105	3	108	141	6	147
Oct. (a)	66	5	71	92	8	100	115	3	118

(a) Subject to Revision.

ELECTRICITY SUPPLY - METROPOLITAN AREA.

(Generated by the W.A. Government Power Station)

	DECEMBER		6 Months ended DECEMBER	
	1948	1947	1948	1947
Units Generated (1000 K.W.H.)	18,431	17,563	116,986	111,972
Units Sold (1000 K.W.H.)	15,549	13,945	99,115	95,324

LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTERINGS IN PRINCIPAL ESTABLISHMENTS.

Period	Cattle	Calves	Sheep	Pigs
	No.	No.	No.	No.
December, 1948	7,104	547	144,643	12,765
December, 1947	4,665	316	82,514	13,085
Months ended December, 1948	103,223	5,119	1,006,789	119,173
Months ended December, 1947	95,932	4,641	1,053,826	123,844

